

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 14, 2001

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 11, 2001

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 327

Introduced by Assembly Member Harman

February 16, 2001

An act to add Section 19600 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 327, as amended, Harman. Horse racing.

Existing law provides that, during the calendar period of its racing meeting, a thoroughbred racing association or fair may distribute the audiovisual signal and accept wagers on out-of-state and out-of-country thoroughbred races without regard to the amount of purses and without the consent of the horseman's organization, as specified. Existing law also limits the total number of thoroughbred races imported by associations or fairs on a statewide basis under these provisions to 23 per day on days when live thoroughbred or fair racing is being conducted in this state. However, among other things, this limitation does not apply to races imported into the combined central and southern zones when there is no live thoroughbred or fair racing being conducted in these combined zones.

This bill would provide that notwithstanding any other provision of law, a racing association that conducts thoroughbred races in the southern zone may execute an agreement with a thoroughbred racing association *or fair while conducting a live racing meeting* to distribute

the signal and accept wagers on out-of-country thoroughbred races, subject to the consent of the thoroughbred horsemen, except as specified. This bill would authorize additional wagering and because revenues distributed to the state from horse racing are required to be deposited in the Fair and Exposition Fund and are continuously appropriated to the Department of Food and Agriculture for various regulatory and general government purposes, this bill would make an appropriation.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 19600 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:
3 19600. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a racing
4 association that conducts thoroughbred races in the southern zone
5 may execute an agreement with a thoroughbred racing association
6 *or fair while conducting a live racing meeting* to distribute the
7 signal and accept wagers on out-of-country thoroughbred races,
8 subject to the consent of the thoroughbred horsemen. However, if
9 consent is withheld, any party may appeal the withholding of the
10 consent to the board, which may determine that consent is not
11 required.

